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#### MESSAGE FROM PFLUG.

Reports That the Situation at Port Arthur Is Unchanged.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.—Major-General Pflug, the chief of staff of the Russian army, telegraphed from Port Arthur today that the situation at Port Arthur is unchanged.

"A column of Cossacks marching from Wiju captured a Japanese major, Tsuru, with five soldiers and two civilians. The reports regarding the enemy are generally contradictory and scarce."

It is confirmed that troops of Yuan Shikai (commander-in-chief of the Chinese army) are being dispatched to Tsin (Chou and Kiangsi).  
"All is quiet in Manchuria."  
A later dispatch from Port Arthur announces that the Japanese have been ordered to evacuate the peninsula. The Japanese are being ordered to evacuate the peninsula. The Japanese are being ordered to evacuate the peninsula.

#### DESERTING PORT ARTHUR.

Only Thirty Per Cent. of Population Remains and Many Are Leaving.

(By Associated Press.)  
YIN KOW, Feb. 20.—By means of a special permission obtained from Major-General Pflug, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, a newspaper correspondent succeeded in passing the lines under official escort and visited Port Arthur, which is closed to all civilians. The correspondent observed the following conditions:

"Only thirty per cent. of the population remains at Port Arthur and many of these are leaving. The trains are crowded with refugees. Railroad conditions are excellent and trains are running on schedule. There are only a few unfinished side tracks and one unfinished bridge between New Chang and Port Arthur. The peninsula of Liao Tung is quiet. Adequate guards are maintained at all points and preparations for defense are being continued. The troops in the vicinity of Kiu Chow are active. A strong force is guarding the narrowest section of the peninsula."

"The authorities have indicated that conditions at Port Arthur are not as serious as they are reported to be. The prices of other commodities, however, have advanced. The authorities have taken possession of all food supplies in the stores which were deserted by Chinese and other merchants. They are providing for a siege by sending wheat milling machinery to Port Arthur and claim that there is a sufficient food supply there for a resistance of two years."

"Japanese refugees, under the personal supervision of the Viceroy and General Plancon, are leaving Port Arthur on released ships."

"Although the harbors on the Liao Tung peninsula have been abandoned, the authorities do not expect further arrivals. The Japanese fleet, which is sighted at intervals from Golden Hill, completely controls the gulf, and under the imperfect police system, all incoming are treated as spies."

"The reports to the Russian fleet are proceeding. The cruiser Novik has been captured, but the condition of the battleships Chavretsk and Retzky remains unchanged. Engineers say that the Retzky will be floated in a few days."

"The official reports commend Captain Esen, of the Novik, and Captain Bersan, of the cruiser Bayan, for gallant conduct on February 13, and indicate that in spite of the fact that no Japanese were reported, the Russians did some damage."

"The city is darkened every night, but Viceroy Alexieff's house is lighted, although the people understand that he is in Harbin. General Yankoff is in command of the non-combatant force at Harbin. Generals Von Drotovitch and Linovitch are at Liao Yang (about half way between New Chang and Mukden). When the Tenth Regiment is near Kiu Chow, the Ninth Regiment near Liao Chang, and the Twelfth Regiment near Liao Yang, it is intended to commence a simultaneous march toward the Yalu River. While Major-General Pflug is advancing the troops from Mukden to the Yalu, he will at the same time be strengthening his center and preparing to defend the railroad and the gulf coast in force. The military authorities are thoroughly aware of their unpreparedness to rush reinforcements."

"An enormous consignment of artillery is reported to be en route from Russia, and it is said without hesitation that there were not over 100,000 troops in Manchuria and at Vladivostok when the war began."

"The administrative authorities of Port Arthur assert that the Japanese have landed in Korea only."

**DECLARED ABSURD.**  
French Possessions in Far East Said to be Secure From Invasion.

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Feb. 20.—The Foreign Office here declares to be absurd the report circulated yesterday in New York, to the effect that sixty thousand Japanese troops had been concentrated at the island of Formosa, with the intention of invading the French possessions in the Far East in case of France siding with Russia against Japan. No such information, official or otherwise, has been received, and up to date there has been no mention of such a report in any French paper.

Soon after the opening of the Bourse the leading securities began to fall. French railway bonds were particularly affected. Russian imperial bonds also dropped, as did other foreign bonds.

Spanish rentes were specially affected by the great confusion which prevailed

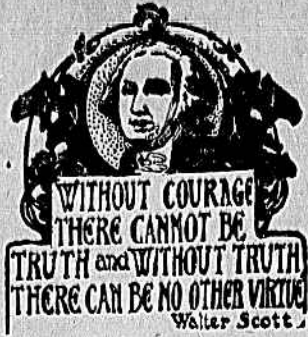
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Invites Consumption

It weakens the delicate lung tissues, deranges the digestive organs, and breaks down the general health. It often causes headache and dizziness, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, and affects the voice.

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over the fears of international complications. This state was aggravated during the closing hour, and the excitement, which amounted to a panic, was redoubled.

No important failures had been reported up to about 6 o'clock this evening as a result of the panic, in spite of the unending. From Lyons came an unconfirmed report of the failure of one small broker.

**Observe Operations.**

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—Japan having acceded to the request of this government to be allowed the privilege of sending military observers with the forces of the field, the general staff today designated four officers for this purpose, as follows:

Colonel Crowder, Judge Advocate Captain Marchand, Captain Morrison, of the artillery, and Captain Kuhn, of the engineer corps.

**DISTURBING RUMORS.**  
Spain Is Recalling All Her Soldiers Who Are on Front.

(By Associated Press.)  
MADRID, Feb. 20.—Two regiments of infantry at San Sebastian and two regiments at Pampeluna are held in readiness to start for the Balaic Islands.

War Minister Linares has also sent a circular to the military authorities ordering the recall of all soldiers on furlough and to retrain with the colors men whose service terminates March 1st.

These measures caused considerable excitement, which was not diminished by the rumors, which continued to circulate in spite of official denials, that this military activity was due to a warning from a European power to the effect that in the event of a continental war Great Britain intended to seize points on the Spanish coast.

**Neutrality Measures.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, Feb. 10.—Unusual naval and military activity is displayed in connection with neutrality measures. The coast artillery has been ordered to be in readiness, warships are being sent to Gotland Island, and the coast defense battalions and torpedo boats have been ordered to be prepared for active service.

**QUITE BASELESS.**  
No Prospect That Other Powers Will Mix in Russo-Japanese War.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Feb. 20.—The French ambassador, M. Cambon, left London today for a week and visit to Paris, as he frequently does.

The German ambassador, Count von Metternich, is also absent on a week end visit.

No significance is attached to the absence of these ambassadors from London.

Court Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, left London today for St. Petersburg. The afternoon newspapers made sensational out of his departure (connecting it with rumors that the Czar was displeased with his ambassadors at Washington and London, and with his late minister at Tokyo, owing to the recent turn of events), and out of baseless rumors of threatening European trouble.

The Russian embassy said positively that Count Benckendorff had gone to St. Petersburg for three days, to bid farewell to his son, who is going to the Far East with his regiment.

The unreasoning enthusiasm on the continent in regard to the possibility that a European war may ensue from the struggle in the Far East is not shared by Great Britain. No power has made such complete naval preparation for every

contingency, and yet nowhere is confidence greater than the knowledge that it is confined to Russia and Japan, and that it is in London. The dispatch from Madrid that Great Britain intends to seize Spanish points in the event of war, has not even the semblance of probability.

The Associated Press learns that at the present moment Spain and Great Britain are on the verge of concluding an able treaty, and that in other ways their diplomatic relations are closer than they have been for years past.

At the Spanish embassy here it was emphatically declared that the movements of Spanish troops were not due to a warning from Great Britain or any other power, but were simple and comparatively unimportant precautions, that all nations must take when one of the great powers is involved in war.

"All the rumors," the foreign office said, "that European complications are in sight are quite baseless."

**IN WORKING ORDER.**  
The Japanese Who Attempted to Blow Up Railway Bridge Are Hanged.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.—A dispatch received here from Harbin, Manchuria, dated February 20th, says the railroad is in working order, and that the Japanese who attempted to blow up the bridge over the Singari River (have been hanged. Bands of Chiu Chiu (bandits) have been observed under Japanese leadership and are being pursued. Almost all the civil inhabitants of Harbin have left and the remainder of the population is quiet. The movement of troops is causing heavy traffic on the railroad. All of the Japanese laborers on the railroad have fled, and the Chinese laborers have returned to work after their new year celebrations.

**Bound for Far East.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
ISLAND OF PERIM, RED SEA, Feb. 20.—A squadron of warships passed here at midnight, bound for Suoz. It was believed to be the Russian squadron recently at Jibuti, French Somaliland.

It was announced from St. Petersburg last night, by way of Paris, that the Russian squadron recently at Jibuti had been ordered to return to Constat.

**Sail for Shanghai.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
MANILA, Feb. 20.—The United States protected cruiser Cincinnati and Albatross, of Rear Admiral Evans's fleet, have sailed for Shanghai.

**Distinguished Geologist Here.**  
Professor John C. Branner, vice-president of Stanford University, arrived in this city last night and is stopping at the residence of his brother, Mr. Charles E. Branner, No. 1327 Hanover Street.

He lectured at the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh, on Friday evening, on Science in the South. He will possibly visit the University of Virginia before leaving the State.

Professor Branner bears a national reputation as a geologist and is prominent with educational institutions throughout

the country. He has written many works on geology and is well known as a lecturer upon scientific subjects. He will visit New York and Eastern cities, and then goes to Europe to be absent from Stanford for about one year.

for the time they were off duty, claiming that the board exceeded its authority in suspending them. The "overcoat trouble" was brought on by the spreading of a report to the effect that the chief and

sergeants had received overcoats from a manufacturing house in return for the awarding of a contract for uniforms. Three policemen lost their jobs and several others were suspended for talking too much.

News was received from New York today confirming the announcement that the local shipyard had been awarded the contracts for four big ferryboats for the Lackawanna Railway. The boats will cost about \$250,000 each, and will be the largest in New York harbor.

Mrs. R. S. Elyson is critically ill with pneumonia at her home on West Avenue. Mrs. Elyson formerly lived in Richmond, and has many relatives and friends there.

**Unique Tea Party.**  
The Sunbeam Society of Leigh Street Baptist Church will give a colonial tea party Monday night at 8:15 o'clock in the lecture room of that church. The tea consists of a dialogue by nine girls and three boys, which will be followed by readings and songs by some of the best local talent on the Hill. The following will take part in the dialogue: Ethel Childrey, as Miss Betty Barker; Fannie Bristol, as Miss Matilda Jenkins; Bernice Brauer, as Martha Washington; Mollie Robbins, as Mrs. Jamieson; Mattie Johnson, as Miss Smith; Martha (Miss Matilda Jenkins's maid); Bessie Wright, as Mrs. Forrester; Nellie Allen; Miss Bole; Julia Reid; Peggy; Miss Betty Barker's maid; Herbert King; Major Jenkins; William Scherer, and General Green, Robert Bass.

Master Ralph Austin and Miss Genevieve Bootwhill will take the parts of Reuben and Rachel in the dialogue.

**William Jenks.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LEXINGTON, VA., Feb. 20.—The death of Mr. William Jenks occurred Saturday, February 18th, at his home in Lexington, at the advanced age of seventy years.

Mr. Jenks was born in England, and came to Lexington shortly after the Civil War. For many years he had charge of the gas works at the Virginia Military Institute. His second wife, who was a Miss Higgins, of Lexington, survives him; also one son by his first marriage, Mr. Frank W. Jenks, of Richmond, and two daughters, Mrs. George Jenks, and one sister, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Thomas, live in England.

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## UNION LABOR IS AGITATED

The Unions Endorse the Action of the Council and Contractors' Association Condemns.

WORK WILL BE DELAYED

Policemen Sue the City for Back Wages During Time They Were Suspended.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 20.—The union labor people of this city are greatly agitated over the fight which is on in connection with the contract for repairing the city market. The unions have all endorsed the action of the Council in passing the resolution to the effect that only contractors employing union labor should be given the market work, and preparations are being made to fight the battle to a finish.

The Contractors' Association has condemned the Council, and is ready to carry on its side of the contest.

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ONE-DAY BARGAIN SPECIALS.

Palm Soap, two cakes for 1c.  
25c. Beaded Fan Chains, 5c.  
10c. Hard Rubber Combs, fine and extra tooth, 5c.  
25c. Fine Bristol Tooth Brush, 10c.  
25c. Stick Hat Pins, 7c.  
17c. White Lawn Hemstitched Collar, 5c.  
25c. Children's and Ladies' All Wool Golf Gloves, 17c. a pair.  
Tallow's Complexion Powder (swan), 5c. a box.  
Silk Chiffon (colors), 5c. a yard.  
Men's 18c. Cord Tape Border Corded Handkerchiefs, 5c. a piece.  
Ladies' 10c. Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 5c.  
10c. bottle Eagle Machine Oil, 4c.  
25c. Needle Book Case, 10c.  
10c. box French Silk Blacking, 5c.  
Gulphur Scarfs, one and a half inches long, sold for 50c. and 75c., slightly soiled; special 35c.  
Men's 25c. Hose Supporters, elastic web, 7c. a pair.  
Men's 55c. Bathing Silk Ties, all colors, 10c.  
12 1/2c. Everett Wash Gingham, new spring styles; Monday, special, 8c.  
10c. Dark Flannelleties, 7c.  
12 1/2c. Light Outings, 7c.  
10c. bottle Williams' Ammonia, 5c.  
\$3.50 Sweaters, \$1.50.  
25c. White Leno Cloth, 17c.  
\$1 White Bedspreads, 50c.  
12 1/2c. White Dotted Swiss, 7c.  
12 1/2c. Ladies' All Wool Mottled Underwear, 75c. a pair.  
\$10 and \$12 Tailor-Made Suits, short coats, black and gray chevrons, \$5.  
50c. Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Floor Union Suits, 15c.  
Children's Short Jackets, sold for \$2 to \$3.50, sizes 3 to 8 years old; Monday, 75c.  
50c. and 60c. Linen Window Shades, odd pairs; your choice Monday, 15c.  
\$7 Ladies' Elderdown Bath Robes, \$3.  
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\$4 Taffeta and Silk Waists.  
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25c. Baby Carriages, last year's styles, to close out, \$10.

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